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## NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

### DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trade sentiment steady to fully steady on hens and toms. Moderate trading for prompt shipments took place on packer labeled hens and toms. Interest noted for deferred shipments. Offerings remain generally adequate, with light weight hens in tight supply. Domestic sales generally light.



### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading fairly good. Demand generally slow, most activity going to Mexico and Asia on frozen thigh meat, tom drums, and tom two joint wings.

**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **AUGUST 03, 2000**

	CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/				FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/			OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/	
	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	73	73	73.00	120	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	72-73	-	-	-	76.57	280	SEP-NOV	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	73-74	73.5-74	73.81	320	75.00	200	SEP	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	70	70	70.00	800	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	69-70	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	70-73	70.5-73	72.58	240	-	-	-	-	-

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CENTRAL REGION 4/	72-73	-	-	-	-	-	-	40	OCT
WESTERN REGION 5/	73-74	74	74.00	65.8	78.00	295	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	70	-	-	-	-	-	-	200	AUG-SEP
CENTRAL REGION 4/	69-70	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	70-71	71	71.00	96	75.00	1880	-	-	-

**WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

WEEK OF AUGUST 04, 2000	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO	MONTH OF JULY	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS				8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	73.00	72.50**	73.20**	EASTERN REGION	71.55	70.36	71.62
CENTRAL REGION	72.60**	71.50**	71.80**	CENTRAL REGION	70.91	69.55	69.90
WESTERN REGION	73.84	72.00**	71.00	WESTERN REGION	71.30	70.02	70.74
16-24 LB TOMS				16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	70.00	69.50**	73.50**	EASTERN REGION	68.53	66.64	71.95
CENTRAL REGION	69.60**	68.00**	70.00	CENTRAL REGION	67.55	65.80	70.95
WESTERN REGION	72.13	69.00**	71.00	WESTERN REGION	68.30	66.41	71.52

\*\*BASED ON OFFERS

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY,  
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	84-92
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	85-92
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	77-85
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	74-81
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	76-83

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY  
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	78-102
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	78-102
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	78-102
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	86-102
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	92-102

**FRESH TURKEYS WITH TIMERS OR EQUIVALENT U.S. GRADE A,  
DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, EASTERN REGION, CENTS  
PER POUND, WEEK OF 07-AUG-2000**

	<u>(8-16#)</u>		<u>(16-24#)</u>	
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>LBS</u>	<u>TOMS</u>	<u>LBS</u>
	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>
SALES (PROMOTIONS INCLUDED)	77.67	122	74.00	20
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	77.67	122	74.00	20
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)				
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)				

**TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND  
(IN THOUSAND POUNDS)****SLAUGHTER-CERTIFIED RTC TURKEYS**

JUNE	518,128*
JULY 1-29, 2000	389,003*

To date 2000	3,018,788*
To date 1999	2,939,381*

\* PRELIMINARY

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**NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS**BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 29-Jul-2000  
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

	<u>—YOUNG TURKEYS—</u>			<u>FRYER</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>TKY</u>
	<u>THOUSAND</u>	<u>% CHG</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>RSTR</u>	<u>BANDED</u>		<u>AVG</u>
	<u>HEAD</u>	<u>PW</u>	<u>WT</u>	<u>—THOUSAND</u>	<u>HEAD—</u>	<u>WT</u>	
N EAST	979	15	21.79	(A)	(A)	981	21.79
S ATL	765	-9	26.67	(A)	(A)	767	26.67
N CENT	2,292	-5	27.79	(A)	(A)	2,294	27.79
S CENT	642	17	20.23	(A)	(A)	643	20.23
WEST	434	2	22.25	(A)	(A)	435	22.25
U.S.TOTAL	5,112(B)	1	25.07	0	8	5,120	25.07
TO DATE							
2000	137,694(B)			166	877	138,737	
TO DATE							
1999	141,185(B)			55	997	142,237	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: for the week 74,000 for the year 620,000; last year to date 446,000.

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 29-Jul-2000**

<u>HENS</u>	<u>YOUNG (A)</u>	<u>YOUNG</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	
	<u>TOMS</u>	<u>BREEDERS</u>			
	<u>-----THOUSANDS-----</u>				
HEAD	2,231	2,807	74	8	5,120
AVG WT	15.69	32.53	23.81	25.64	25.06
LAST WEEK	2,147	2,904	21	10	5,082
YR AGO	4,856(B)		38	25	4,919
AVG WT	25.44(B)		23.71	28.80	25.44
TO-DATE/2000	137,240(B)		620	877	138,737
TO-DATE/1999	140,794(B)		446	997	142,237

(A) Includes 166,000 fryer/roasters in 2000 and 55,000 in 1999.

(B) Comparable data not available for last year, this data is comprised of hens and toms.

**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS** AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 3 AUGUST 2000.

Trade sentiment generally steady on fresh tom breast meat and fresh destrapped tenderloins, scapula steady to fully steady and wing meat with skin barely steady at best. White meat demand ranged light to fair with wing meat receiving the least amount of interest. Offerings of scapula light at best, fresh tom breast meat and fresh destrapped tenderloins at least adequate, and wing meat with skin adequate to ample. Trading light on all items and centered on tom drums for export. Some wing meat with skin with age traded at 36.50, plant grade basted 8-10 lb. breasts 98, and ground breast trim 116 cents delivered. For export: tom necks 13, hen defatted gizzards 52, and frozen whole tenderloins 137 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/	149.00		149.00	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	99.00		99.00	20
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	26.00		26.00	15
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		R	25.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	27.00-36.00		28.80	15
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		T	20.50	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		M	23.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	22.00-23.00		22.50	18
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		R	46.00	20
NECKS, TOM	14.00		14.00	6
NECKS, HEN	13.00		13.00	30
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/		W	177.67	240
THIGH MEAT	56.00-57.00		56.87	23
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	57.00		57.00	60
BREAST TRIM MEAT		M	120.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT		R	104.59	170
TENDERLOINS		M	137.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		F	148.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	173.00		173.00	40
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		M	42.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	15.50	54
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		M	16.00	280
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	26.00		26.00	320
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	22.00		22.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	22.50	416
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	15.50	80
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		W	54.88	1,916

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.):

M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins. 4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 4 AUGUST 2000.**

Undertone on tom drums and tom 2-joint wings steady, tom full-cut wings steady at best with some cautiousness noted and tom necks barely steady at best. Thigh meat trade sentiment cautiously steady and mechanically separated turkey (MST) steady to barely steady. Demand was light to fair, mostly fair on tom 2-joint wings for export; tom full-cut wings and tom necks slow with necks the most active; tom drum demand light to fair; thigh meat light to instances good, mostly fair; MST light. Domestic trading light and centered on frozen destrapped tenderloins from current production at lower trending price levels. Export trading centered on a moderately heavy volume of tom 2-joint wings and a fair volume of frozen thigh meat. Offerings of MST available, thigh meat and tom full-cut wings adequate to fully adequate, tom necks fully adequate, tom drums adequate.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CDE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/						
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	149.00	20	149.00	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		R	99.00	20	99.00	20
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	26.00		26.00	80	25.94	109
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH						
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		R	28.80	15	30.65	95
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		T	20.50	40	20.50	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		M	23.00	40	23.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	22.50	18	22.16	58
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN						
NECKS, TOM	13.00		13.00	40	13.13	100
NECKS, HEN		R	13.00	30	13.00	30
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	164.00		164.00	20	164.00	20
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	178.00-182.00		179.09	110	177.04	750
THIGH MEAT		R	56.87	23	56.87	23
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	56.00-60.00		56.70	97	56.42	183
BREAST TRIM MEAT	118.00		118.00	40	119.00	80
SCAPULA MEAT	102.00-110.00		106.00	80	106.00	80
TENDERLOINS		M	137.00	40	137.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	142.00		142.00	200	142.00	200
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	174.00		174.00	60	174.18	220
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	38.00-39.00		38.50	80	39.67	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	15.50		15.50	40	15.50	94
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		M	16.00	280	16.00	280
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	26.00-27.00		26.25	160	25.37	848
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		R	22.00	40	22.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	20.00-22.50		22.08	624	22.25	1,040
TAILS						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	14.00		14.00	208	14.42	288
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	55.00-57.00		55.92	472	55.66	3,360

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